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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of **Robin B. Hutchison, Robert C. Llewellyn, David Griffiths, David Birch, Andre F. Viljoen, and Iain M. Begg**, entitled **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ORDERING GOODS, SERVICES AND CONTENT OVER AN INTERNETWORK USING A VIRTUAL PAYMENT ACCOUNT**.

- X 1a. This application is a continuation of Application No. 10/338,133, filed January 6, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/578,395, filed May 25, 2000, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application 09/370,949, filed August 9, 1999, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- X 1b. This application also claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/140,039, filed June 18, 1999, the benefit of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- X 2. A copy of the petition for a 5-month extension of time to extend pendency of the prior application to at least the filing date of this application is enclosed.
- X 3. An application consisting of 42 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 56 sheets of drawings is attached.
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- X 5. Small entity status is asserted for this matter.
- X 6. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.
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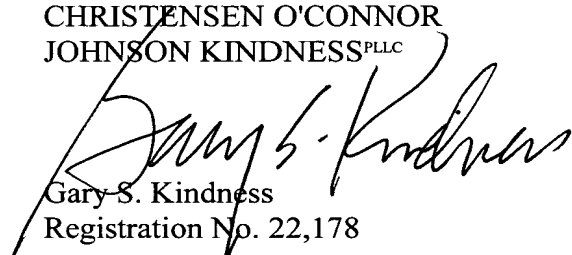
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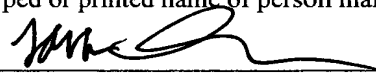
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